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To-day's Commandment of the Road as part of Hong Kong's Safety-First campaign:

FOR DRIVERS: Do not overtake another car or stop your own car on a corner. This advice has been given so many times that it is almost a cliché. Yet, it is one of the cardinal points of driving. Corners must be left clear and should always be treated with respect. This is one of the cardinal points of driving.

FOR PEDESTRIANS: Take special care if you have to stop out from behind or in front of a vehicle or any other form of obstruction which prevents a clear view of the road. Look very carefully BOTH WAYS before you start moving, or you find yourself walking into the front wheels of a vehicle that you haven't been able to see.

One Fatality In 448,111 Miles

THE FOLLOWING FACTS MAY HELP TO CLARIFY THE MIND OF THE PUBLIC AS REGARDS THE POSITION OF R.A.F. MOTOR TRANSPORT IN THE COLONY:

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES HELD 1,379 AND MILEAGE FOR THE PERIOD SEPT. 4 TO FEB. 28 WAS 4,933,000. AVERAGE MILEAGE PER MONTH BEING 67,170.

2. The accident rate in that period works out at one fatality per 448,111 miles, one serious injury per 594,425 miles and one slight injury per 212,263 miles.

3. No R.A.F. driver in the Colony has had less than one year's driving experience. All drivers are given an extensive five weeks course when they muster in England on all types of vehicles and roads, including motor driving, before being allowed to handle a Service vehicle. They are required to pass a stringent test. A certain number of officers from Air Headquarters, Hong Kong have been granted licences and they too must have previous experience and undergo a severe test. There is a strict restriction on the issue of driving authorities to any other class of Motor Transport personnel.

4. Weekly accident returns are forwarded to headquarters from all units in the area (this practice has been in operation since Sept. 16, 1945) and a damaged vehicle cannot be repaired by R.A.F. mechanics unless a Form 410, accident report, which all drivers carry, has been completed.

5. Warnings appear frequently in routine orders the danger of wet road conditions and drivers have been told that the excuse "the road was wet" will not necessarily be accepted as a plea. Service maximum speed limits have been reduced in all units orders at least twice during the last four months.

6. An easily identifiable two letter-two number marking has been in use by the R.A.F. since Jan. 10 and vehicles can be readily recognised by any complainant.

7. Maximum loading orders for R.A.F. vehicles have been in force since October, 1945 and transport sent to other users has been withdrawn when cases of overloading have been reported.

8. Severe disciplinary action, in accordance with King's Regulations, is always enforced by Air Headquarters, Hong Kong, where a driver is found guilty of negligence and, on several occasions, driving licences have been withdrawn. There is no question at all as far as the R.A.F. are concerned, of a driver being able to "get away with it".

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"SAVE BERMUDA FROM THE CAR"

Hamilton, March 13. An eleven-hour fight to save Bermuda, island of horses, barges and bicycles from cars has been started by a group of women who have sent a petition bearing 5,000 signatures to the Assembly.

The petition will be considered on Friday when recommendations by a joint committee of the Assembly and Legislative Council to remove almost entirely all restrictions against the advent of cars are being considered.

It is believed here that the Assembly will favour the recommendations and that barriers against cars maintained with a few latter day exceptions since 1908, will be thrown down.—Reuter.

Harrisburg, March 13. John A. Archibald of Allentown, former staff sergeant who donated blood to save former President T. Roosevelt's life after his suicide attempt last September, filed yesterday for the democratic nomination to the Pennsylvania house of representatives.—Associated Press.

ACCIDENT TOLL

A FATAL ACCIDENT, IN WHICH TWO MEN ON A BICYCLE WERE KILLED, OCCURRED IN NATHAN ROAD, NEAR MIDDLE ROAD.

The bicycle, with the passenger riding pillion, crashed into a military truck. The two men were thrown off their machine and died later in hospital.

The pillion rider was Tsan Kwong, 24, a travelling salesman. The other accident reported to the police yesterday included:

A 15-year-old Chinese boy fell from the back of a moving motor vehicle on Queen's Road East.

A nine-year-old Chinese girl was taken to Queen Mary Hospital with injuries as a result of having been knocked down by a Royal Naval truck in Queen's Road East.

A Chinese pedestrian was struck by a tram in Hennessy Road and suffered injuries to both legs and a bruised face.

An Indian, Fakir Shah, fell while alighting from a tram at Causeway Bay and received injuries to the back of his head.

A Chinese fractured his skull when he fell in jumping from a moving tram in Des Voeux Road West.

A Chinese boy was knocked down by a tram in Des Voeux Road West and is now in hospital.

L.P.T.B. Reveals Its Wartime Secrets

LONDON, MAR. 13. THE LONDON PASSENGER TRANSPORT BOARD TODAY CAME OUT FROM BEHIND WARTIME SECRECY AND TOLD HOW THEY SHELTERED AND TRANSPORTED LONDON'S MILLIONS DESPITE BOMBS AND FIRE, AND EXPLAINED THE NEW HIGH-SPEED UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS AND REPLACEMENT OF TRAMS AND IMMEDIATE STEPS IN THE VAST EXTENSION PROGRAMME.

The Board said: "Only with the determination, forbearance and staff could the task have been accomplished under conditions of war" as on the night of May 10, 1941, when ten sections of railway were out of action, no buses could operate through the city of London, all tram termini on the south side of the Thames isolated and only one on the north side could be used. All services, except two sections of the railway was restored within ten days.

The enemy battered the buses so hard that in a fleet of 6,407, instances of damage in war numbered 4,466. While double-deckers remained through ruins, almost with chips flying from them, tube stations at 79 points sheltered a total of 63,000,000 persons during the war with the peak of 177,000 on the night of Sept. 27, 1940.

The traffic declined to about seven billion passenger miles annually during the worst of the Blitz, then rose steadily. When things became worse, the L.P.T.B. went into boats at the request of the Government and

TENSION IN IRAN

Strange Soviet Activity

Army Said To Be On The Move

(By Jon Kios)

LONDON, MARCH 13. THE REPORT THAT SOVIET TROOPS WITH COMBAT EQUIPMENT AND TANKS ARE MOVING SOUTH AND WEST THROUGH TABRIZ IN NORTH IRAN SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH EXTREME CAUTION UNTIL MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS INDICATING THE LOCATION OF THESE TROOPS ARE GIVEN. THE TOWNS STATED TO HAVE BEEN ENTERED BY SOVIET TROOPS ARE ALL WITHIN THE PRESENT SOVIET ZONE OF OCCUPATION.

THIS PARTICULAR REPORT THAT TROOPS ARE MOVING WESTWARD OFFERS GROUNDS FOR STRONG SCEPTICISM, AS THE ROADS FROM TABRIZ TO BOTH THE TURKISH AND I.R.I.O. BORDERS ARE ABOMINABLE AND TOTALLY SNOWBOUND AT PRESENT. THEY LEAD ONLY INTO THE WILDEST MOUNTAINOUS AND, AT BEST OF TIMES, STRATEGICALLY BAD AREAS OF TURKEY AND IRAQ.

One can understand infiltration and gun-running for local tribes in this frontier zone but the movement of troops with tanks seems unlikely.

There is only one road on which serious troop movements would be practicable. This is the main Teheran-Baghdad road which runs through Kazvin, the nearest post of importance to Teheran.

To move along this road, the Russians would have to occupy the large cities of Hamadan and Kermanshah, with populations of 100,000 and 90,000 respectively. Such a move would be tantamount to the occupation of Iran and would require a large number of troops and there is no sign of anything of that kind happening.

It remains to be seen, anyhow whether this supposed troop movement is more than a round exchange of troops now that the season is about to change.

From what I have seen of Russian equipment in the border city of Kazvin, it could by no stretch of imagination be described as offensive. The Soviet forces which were armed with trench mortars and there were a few very old armoured cars with nothing heavier than heavy machine-guns.

AGAINST TURKEY? A suggestion has been made that this movement is directed against Turkey.

One other possibility can be considered. There may be disturbances in the capital. The Prime Minister may not be certain of the Iranian Army since it is offered by men generally hostile to the Left. The Iranian Army numbers about 90,000 men and is an important factor in internal politics; it might try to get rid of Sultaneh and establish a military dictatorship.

Under such circumstances the Russians may be about to assist Ghassem Sultaneh at his request, or they may be reinforcing their troops at Kazvin, where they have not been very strong.

Spain

Mexico City, Mar. 13. The permanent commission of the Spanish republic parliament in exile has sent messages to the Government of 11 nations asking that the Spanish question be brought before the United Nations Security Council when it meets in New York later this month. The messages are directed to the United States, England, France, Mexico, Russia, China, Brazil, Netherlands, Poland, Australia and Egypt.—Associated Press.

Kazvin is about five hours from Teheran by road along an incomplete road which makes speed impossible and, across bleak steppe country about 5,000 feet above sea level.—Reuter.

CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENTS

A British Foreign Office spokesman said the British Government had received reports of "considerable" Russian troop movements from Teheran toward the Iranian capital of Teheran and toward the Iraq frontier.

The spokesman said the "major consideration" of the British Government was not so much the troop movements themselves as the continued presence of Red Army contingents in Iran.

The new Russian troop movements were first noticed on March 4, two days after the date set for withdrawal of British and Russian forces under the tri-power agreement. The spokesman said the British Government is pressing for a reply to its protest against continued presence of Russian forces in Iran.—Associated Press.

(Earlier reports on page 3.)

BOON MAY GO TO U.S.A.

London, Mar. 13. Erle Boon, former British light-weight boxing champion, now fighting as welter, has been offered for three American fights in Philadelphia, Chicago and New York. It was announced here today.

Boon's manager, Bonny's manager, is willing to the United States for terms.—Reuter.

Trenches Dug Last Year

(By Joseph Goodwin)

Teheran, Mar. 13. Military observers said that the Russians last year dug trenches, constructed roads and conducted large "postwar" manoeuvres along the Turkish-Iranian border. Mianeh, between Tabriz and Teheran, connects by rail and highway with the Russian Army Headquarters at Kazvin just north-east of Teheran.

The Russian garrison at Karaj—near the nearest to Teheran—last week received a 26-car train from Kazvin which contained three Sherman tanks, three armoured cars, six trucks, three carloads of food and ammunition and carried eight or 10 new tank and artillery officers.

Two nights later, Karaj residents reported that a column of troops arrived but the report has not been confirmed by official sources. Two other correspondents and I cycled twice in a plane over the Karaj encampment and counted 14 Sherman tanks besides a score or so of other vehicles. However, there are no indications of the Post's personnel but they are estimated as being between 500 to 800 men increased, lately.

In Teheran, north of Kazvin, five fuel trucks were moving southward and 22 tank trucks were lined up in Kazvin. Six Red fighter planes and one observation plane stood on the runways of the Russian Airfield at Kazvin. The Russians apparently have a number of vehicles in Kazvin but most of them were idle when we flew over. South-east of Teheran, the Russians continue to hold Urmia and an Iranian column of 1,500 men that was turned back there one week ago, remains at Urmia, waiting for the evacuation of the Russians.—Associated Press.

SWISS LOAN TO BRITISH

London, March 13. A credit of £25,000,000 was granted to Britain in an Anglo-Swiss Commercial Agreement signed here yesterday. The British Government announced.

Paul Ruegger, Swiss Minister in London, signed for Switzerland and Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin signed for Britain.—Associated Press.

HERFORD, MAR. 13. THE BRITISH OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING DRASTIC REDUCTION OF GERMAN CIVILIAN RATIONS TO A MAXIMUM OF 750 CALORIES DAILY, RED CROSS OFFICIALS DISCLOSED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS YESTERDAY.

THEY SAID THAT THE RATION, CONTEMPLATED FOR APRIL, IS INSUFFICIENT TO KEEP GERMAN GROUPS OF GERMAN ALIVE.

On the proposed ration, a German in one month would be allowed six pounds of bread, ten ounces of fat, 11 ounces of meat, three ounces of butter, three pounds two ounces of marmalade and a half ounce of cheese.

Rigour of the diet can be seen from the comparison that there are 828 calories in 12 ounces of beef.

The reductions are considered necessary by control officials because of rapid deterioration of supplies. The original ration in the British zone was 1,500 calories daily, and this was cut to slightly more than 1,000 for March.

The British occupation authorities have indicated a rigorous ration would be imposed in April, May and June but that it could not be established if the cut revealed by the Red Cross personnel was the basis for the ration planned for that period.

The ration in the American occupation zone of Germany is 1,500 calories per day. Steps are being considered for establishment of a unified ration allowance in all occupation zones.—Associated Press.

Skoda Man Sentenced

Prague, March 13. Adolf Vamborsky, General Manager of the Skoda Arms Works, was today sentenced by a Czechoslovakian National Court to three years' imprisonment.

Vamborsky, member of the anti-Bolshevik League, was accused of being a member of the Czechoslovakian delegation sent by Karl Hermann Frank, Hitler's Minister of State for Bohemia and Moravia, to open peace talks with the Western Allies when the Red Army was on the borders of Bohemia.—Reuter.

Unacceptable Proposals

New York, Mar. 13. An Aneta News Agency dispatch from Batavia today said that Premier Sjahrir, of the unaccepted Indonesian republic, would inform Dutch representatives immediately that Dutch proposals for settlement of the Indonesian independence demands are unacceptable.

The dispatch said the Premier would submit counter-proposals at a conference scheduled with Hubertus van Mook, acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, special British emissary. The Dutch have offered the Indonesian commonwealth, status with a promise of ultimate independence.—Associated Press.

Man Dipped Into Scalding Water

N. E. CHINA COMMAND H.Q., CHINCHOW, MAR. 13. THE TORTURED AND SCALPED BODY OF CHANG SUNG-FU, NOTED CHINESE MINING ENGINEER, WHO WAS BOYCOTTED TO DEATH WITH SEVEN OTHERS BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS IN MID-JANUARY, WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AT MUKDEN BY THE SOVIET COMMAND, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

Photographs showed the victim was bayoneted at least eight times. An examination indicated that Chang had been dipped in scalding water and his left eyeball gouged and a stick forced down the windpipe into his lungs. Medical examiners said he was still alive when tortured.

Before turning over his body the Russians in a statement said that Chang's death at the hands of bandits was intended to rouse anti-Soviet feeling in China.

Chinese officials taking over Mukden asserted the assassination was the work of Chinese Communists.

Chang, accompanied by Russian officials, left Changchun on Jan. 15 for Mukden for a first inspection of the Fushan coal mines. One member of the Party who escaped said the Russian officials returned to Changchun and did not accompany Chang in a special railroad car to Fushan the following day.

The Party warned by the Soviets that protection could not be guaranteed beyond 24 hours.—Associated Press.

MURDER IN HARBIN

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No Reply Yet To U.S. Note

Washington, Mar. 13. Secretary of State Byrnes said today Russia has replied to the Feb. 9 American note inquiring about Soviet economic policies in Manchuria, but he declined to disclose the contents of the reply at the present time.

It was learned, however, on good authority that the Russian note defended the Soviet removal of industrial equipment on the ground that anything which belonged to the Japanese army was fair booty for the Russian army, and it denied that Russia had proposed to China any exclusive Sino-Soviet economic control of Manchuria.—Associated Press.

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R.A.F. LAND IN JAPAN

Kure, March 13. Twenty Mustang fighters aircraft of the Royal Australian Air Force touched down today on the Iwakuni airfield on the boundary of Hiroshima Prefecture—the British occupation zone in south-west Japan.

They had flown in easy stages from Borneo. Eighty more Mustangs are expected to arrive shortly.

With the arrival here today of 900 R.A.F. personnel and 1,000 Indians, the total Empire troops now in the zone is more than 12,000.

An outbreak of measles may delay the disembarkation of the New Zealand Bridge, which is expected to arrive here next week after a direct voyage from Italy.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: Cloudy, with slight rain at first, moderate, east south-easterly winds.

Yesterday's temperature: Maximum—44 degrees at 1 p.m.; Minimum—41 degrees at 5 a.m.

Bomb, March 13. The American army yesterday fired a series of unexploded bombs, destroyed more than \$1,000,000 worth of United States army engineering equipment at an ammunition dump near Tokyo.—Associated Press.

SITUATION IN MUKDEN

Not Quite As Bad As Portrayed?

Russian Move In Iran

WASHINGTON, MAR. 13. THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY DISCLOSED IT HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT RUSSIANS ARMED FORCES AND "HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT" HAVE BEEN MOVING SOUTH FROM THE SOVIET BORDER TOWARDS TEHRAN AND THE WESTERN BORDER OF IRAN.

It said the United States had asked the Russian Government to confirm or deny the reports and if that they were true to give an explanation.

Diplomatic authorities said the forces are reported to include tanks and cavalry in considerable strength.

The new American note is in addition to the note sent earlier this month protesting against the failure of the Soviets to withdraw their troops from Iran completely on March 2 in accordance with the Anglo-Soviet-American agreement with the Teheran government during the war.

Officials said they did not know exactly the significance of the troops movements toward the western border of Iran which is opposite Turkey and Iraq with its rich Mosul oilfields but said that the development, if true, might be connected with Russian pressure on Turkey for possession of the Turkish provinces of Kars and Ardahan and for special rights in the control of the Dardanelles.—Associated Press.

"Midway" 's Cruise

ABOARD CARRIER "Midway" off Labrador, Mar. 12.

Rear-Admiral Casady, commanding the task group built around the super-carrier "Midway," said that in general the dividing line for cold weather operations appears about 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Above that figure air operations can be fairly normal but below it new operating methods must be devised.

He said it seems possible that carriers can handle a complement of planes in any kind of temperature but that radar is likely to be less effective in northern waters because of snowstorms, and underwater sound devices will also be less efficient. Casady is confident that new techniques in operating carriers will be developed as a result of the expedition.

The "Midway" is still searching for weather to provide a real cold test.

The temperatures on March 10 were the coldest of the cruise at 17 degrees but not low enough to put any appreciable ice on exposed equipment.—Associated Press.

Washington, March 13.

Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace yesterday said that he thought Britain should transfer some war bases to the United States on a permanent basis. He also told the Senate Banking Committee he would not support the proposed British loan "for a moment" if he thought it a step toward an alliance with Britain.—Associated Press.

London, March 13.

A new International Agreement on merchant shipping, relaxing almost entirely the control of vessels and their movements, was announced yesterday in a White Paper issued by the Ministry of War Transport. The only close control will be for ships entering the Washington tool for relief and rehabilitation because shipped from Canada and the United States.—Associated Press.

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CHUNGKING, MAR. 13.

ALTHOUGH THE PRECISE SITUATION PREVAILING AT MUKDEN HAS BEEN OBSCURED BY INCONSISTENT REPORTS, FEELING IS DEVELOPING IN CHUNGKING THAT THE SITUATION THERE IS NOT QUITE SO BAD AS HAS BEEN PORTRAYED. IT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED HERE THAT THE NATIONALISTS WILL BE ABLE TO RETAIN CONTROL OF MUKDEN DESPITE REPORTED INGRESS OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO FROM ALL ACCOUNTS HAVE AT MOST SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING A TOehold IN ONLY ONE SUBURBAN SECTION OF THE CITY.

Authorities here heard with much relief the Soviet explanation that Soviet troops from Mukden who are now in Chungking are merely pausing there on their way out of Manchuria.

Raising hopes of improvement in the situation is the agreement reached at Chungking on Monday for the inclusion of Manchuria in the operational scene of the Sino-American Headquarters at Peiping.

Although an official announcement on the subject issued in Chungking yesterday did not say so it is understood there will be no attempt by executive headquarters to extend its jurisdiction into any Russian-controlled zones in Manchuria. Operations of the teams representing headquarters will, however, cover all territory in Manchuria falling into Chinese hands whether it be taken over by the Nationalists or the Communists or by the forces of the "autonomous" republic of eastern Mongolia.

THREE POINTS

More genuine quarters in Chungking are hoping the different Nationalist and Communist agreements involving Manchuria will help in composing the situation there. Three points in particular are worth mentioning—firstly, under the truce agreement signed in Chungking on Jan. 10 movements of the Nationalist troops into or within Manchuria for the purpose of restoring Chinese sovereignty were expressly permitted.

Secondly, under the recent agreement for the re-organization and denationalization of the army the Communists agreed to cut all forces under their control to ten divisions in 18 months.

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MEANWHILE THE SITUATION IN AND AROUND MUKDEN REMAINED OBSCURED WHILE PLANS WERE PREPARED FOR SENDING A TRUCE TEAM TO THE NEW HOT SPOT OF EAST ASIA.

Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Davis reported from Northeast China Command Headquarters at Chinchow, Manchuria, that Chinese Government troops inside Mukden were taking control of the city in orderly fashion. They were reported steadily reinforced by well-equipped troops moving up the Peiping railroad.

Another report, from an Associated Press correspondent at Tientsin, said Manchurian observers predicted a fairly large battle in the next few days between Chinese Communist and Government forces for possession of Mukden.

GENERAL LEAVING

A Chinese Central News Agency dispatch from Mukden said Maj.-Gen. Kovtun Stankevitch himself planned to leave

the city on Friday with a few remaining troops, described as probably his bodyguard.

The same dispatch quoted Chinese authorities in Chinchow as reporting "layer after layer" of Chinese Communist troops surrounding the northern outskirts of Mukden and there are no Government troops in that sector.

At Chinchow, however, General Shih Hui and Chao Chih-sung said Peiping airfield north of Mukden was being patrolled by Government troops although Russian planes were still there.

Correspondent Davis reported that Gen. Lin Pao, who commands the Chinese Communist forces, estimated at 110,000 to 120,000 men, equipped with Japanese weapons, has been drawing closer to Mukden and was reported to have moved to within a one to three-mile radius of the city.

FOREIGN PESSIMISM

It is believed possible that during his coming visits to the White House, Marshall will discuss with President Truman the appointment of an American Ambassador to China—a post which has been left vacant since the resignation of Major-General Patrick J. Hurley. Reports are current in Chungking that General Marshall will remain in the United States for three weeks before he returns to China.

There is common recognition in Chungking today that the whole future of China hinges on the manner in which the truce and the army reorganization agreements reached with Marshall's help and advice are observed.

Feeling in Chinese quarters is one of hope but canvass of opinion in foreign diplomatic circles reveals that the predominant sentiment is sceptical and pessimistic.—Associated Press.

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MEANWHILE THE SITUATION IN AND AROUND MUKDEN REMAINED OBSCURED WHILE PLANS WERE PREPARED FOR SENDING A TRUCE TEAM TO THE NEW HOT SPOT OF EAST ASIA.

Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Davis reported from Northeast China Command Headquarters at Chinchow, Manchuria, that Chinese Government troops inside Mukden were taking control of the city in orderly fashion. They were reported steadily reinforced by well-equipped troops moving up the Peiping railroad.

Another report, from an Associated Press correspondent at Tientsin, said Manchurian observers predicted a fairly large battle in the next few days between Chinese Communist and Government forces for possession of Mukden.

GENERAL LEAVING

A Chinese Central News Agency dispatch from Mukden said Maj.-Gen. Kovtun Stankevitch himself planned to leave

the city on Friday with a few remaining troops, described as probably his bodyguard.

The same dispatch quoted Chinese authorities in Chinchow as reporting "layer after layer" of Chinese Communist troops surrounding the northern outskirts of Mukden and there are no Government troops in that sector.

At Chinchow, however, General Shih Hui and Chao Chih-sung said Peiping airfield north of Mukden was being patrolled by Government troops although Russian planes were still there.

GOVT. TROOPS MOVING

The movement of Central Government troops into or toward Manchuria continues. Six landing ships (L.S.T.s) carrying 4,000 troops of the new 71st Chinese army left Shanghai for Chinchow, presumably en route to Manchuria. The movement will continue until the entire 71st is transported. Elements of four other Government armies already are

Shortage Of Cereals

Washington, March 13.

Former President Herbert Hoover said yesterday that supplies of cereal now available to avert starvation in war-torn countries are eight to nine million tons short of the minimum needs.

However, he said in a news conference, that he believed all but one or two million tons of the deficit could be made up through reduced consumption in the United States and other western hemisphere countries.

Hoover said his emergency committee and the Agriculture Department will seek to obtain five million tons of cereals from Latin-American countries, through a combination of reduced consumption and increased export, and savings of two million tons of wheat in the United States by July 1.

Hoover said he expected to fly to France on March 17. He said his itinerary was not completed but that there was a possibility that he might go to India.—Associated Press.

CANNON RIOTS

New Delhi, March 13.

Disturbances in connection with the provincial elections now in progress resulted in the death of two persons and injuring of six when the police fired on a mob at Cawnpore yesterday.

Troops were called to patrol the streets, curfew was established and assemblies were banned.

The disturbances began when Congress Party supporters and Nationalist Muslims and Muslim League members and Communists started a fight. A Sikh temple was burned and two shops were looted.—Associated Press.

Washington, March 13.

Secretary of State Byrnes said yesterday Russia had not yet replied to the American notes protesting against the Soviet policies in Iran and Manchuria. The contents of the Manchurian note never have been disclosed.—Associated Press.

Plain Speaking By U.S. Senator

WASHINGTON, MAR. 13.

SENATOR TOM CONNALLY, TEXAS DEMOCRAT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, CALLED ON TUESDAY FOR A NEW "BIG THREE" MEETING TO DISCUSS "IN LANGUAGE CLEAR AND PLAIN AND IF NEED BE, BLUNT" THE ISSUES WHICH HE SAID OTHERWISE MAY BLAZE IN TO WORLD FRICITION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POWERFUL SENATE COMMITTEE TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES IN A PREPARED ADDRESS THAT RUSSIA MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE SHE HAS THE UNCHALLENGED RIGHT TO MAINTAIN ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT SHE WANTS, "THESE RIGHTS DO NOT EXTEND BEYOND HER BOUNDARIES."

Connally's statement carried added significance because the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee usually is recognized as ranking behind the President and Secretary of State in foreign policy matters.

The senator called for maintenance by the United States of "an adequate army, a superior Navy and a superlative air force," adding that they would back up American determination not only to resist aggression by arms, but to oppose aggression by economic and political pressure or manoeuvre.

PLAIN SPEAKING.

Connally said he is planning his home on the United Nations Or-

operating in Manchuria. Government troops in Mukden are under Maj.-Gen. Peng Pi-sheng, 88-year-old Deputy Commander of the Fifth Army.

Davis said a United States marine liaison team was expected at Chinchow soon. He said reports persisted that marines will be sent into South Manchuria, north of the Great Wall city of Shanhaiwan, and it was believed marines might be sent as far as Huludao, the Manchurian port on the Gulf of Chihli, to continue repatriation of Japanese.

He said U.S. Consul Sabin Chase was due in Chinchow as soon as a snowstorm abated, to proceed to his post at Harbin.—Associated Press.

Post-Mortem Session In Teheran

Teheran, March 13.

Iran became a nation without legislative direction yesterday at the close of the final meeting of the 14th Majlis (Parliament) leaving Premier Quavam as Sultan in the role of dictator.

The last session, like others during the past week, was held without a quorum.

The exact number of deputies which braved mobs of demonstrators to enter the Majlis was not announced.

Many Right-Wing deputies have stayed away from the Majlis since the Left-Wing Tudeh Party began enjoining in protest against a proposal that Parliament should vote to extend its own life.

The two-year term of the legislative body ended yesterday and Iranian law provides a new election as long as foreign troops remain in the country.

Deputies who attended the final session yesterday were pledged to secrecy on the proceedings but a Cabinet member close to the Premier said that Quavam gave an account of his recent mission to Moscow.—Associated Press.

SNAKES ALIVE!

LONDON, MARCH 12.

AN AVERAGE OF FOUR TO FIVE IDEAS WEEKLY WAS SUBMITTED DURING THE WAR TO THE DIRECTORATE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY.

All were considered and many were adopted but kept secret.

Some of the more fantastic suggestions included: A bayonet attached to soldiers' boots for kicking purposes. Another hoped to train a fleet of cormorants to peck all mortar from the walls of Krupp's factory at Essen and his rival was a man who proposed to fire shells full of poisonous snakes into enemy trenches.—Reuter.

Oslo, March 13.

Norway's air chief, General Hjalmar Riser-Larsen, resigned yesterday as the result of attacks on his air policy. Defence Minister Jens C. Hauge announced.

Riser-Larsen said he would file a civil suit for slander against his attackers.—Associated Press.

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from March 11th. At this time
until there is established a mor-
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the Bye-Laws of the Club pre-
clude consideration of applica-
tions for new membership by
candidates of other than
American Citizenship.

By Order of Committee,

F. R. PIDCOCK,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 9th, 1946.

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ence and two recent testimonials
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hai Bank Building.

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the post of male nurse (pro-
fessional dresser). Age 19 to 30
years. They must be in posses-
sion of the School Leaving
Certificate or have been in
school in December, 1941, in
class 2 or 3. Written applica-
tions, enclosing two recent
testimonials, should be made to
the above address.

J. P. FEHLY,
Colonel, R.A.M.C.,
D.D.M.S. (C.A.)
8th March, 1946.

NAZI BOMBING PERFECT!

Effort To Justify Coventry Raid

Dutch Horror Was Necessary

NUERNBERG, MAR. 13.
TOUGH, BALD FIELD-MARSHAL KESSELRING TOLD
THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS AT LEAST PARTLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING OF WARSAW,
ROTTERDAM AND COVENTRY.
HE MAINTAINED THAT THE BOMBINGS WERE
JUSTIFIED BY "MILITARY NECESSITY"

Testifying in defense of Her-
man Goering, Kesselring said:
"The bombs on Coventry landed
perfectly. Sometimes a whole
area must be considered as a
target."

He maintained that Coventry
was "a technical industrial cen-
tre" and constituted a legitimate
target. He said that photo-
graphs taken the following
day showed that the bombs
"landed perfectly although
few much damage was caused
by the fire."

Kesselring said he command-
ed one of the air fleets which
bombed Rotterdam and the
bombing of the centre of the
Dutch city "was required tacti-
cally by the situation." He said
he heard that the attack was
carried out during the armistice
negotiations "but if this was the
case and I was never able to
find out it should be counted as
an accident of war."

Kesselring agreed that he now
commanded the air assault on
Warsaw which he described as
a fortress. He asserted that
everything possible was done to
hit only military targets.

LORD HALIFAX'S EVIDENCE

Lord Halifax disclosed that
Reich Marshal Hermann Goer-
ing sent Birger Dahlerus,
Swedish civil engineer, to Lord
Halifax in August 1939 in a
futile effort to negotiate a settle-
ment of the German territorial
demands which brought the out-
break of world war two.

Lord Halifax's disclosures
were made in a reply to the de-
fence questions asked with ap-
proval of the International War
Crimes Tribunal. Goering's
counsel said that the answer
probably would be submitted to
the court when the former
Luftwaffe chief finishes his own
testimony.

Lord Halifax, now British
ambassador to the United
States, expressed the belief that
Goering "would have preferred"
that the outbreak of hostilities
had been prevented.—Associated
Press.

SHIPS FOR CHINA

Washington, March 13.
The House approved yesterday
and sent to the Senate the bill
authorizing the transfer of 271
United States Navy ships to
China. The measure, which still
requires Senate approval, pro-
vides for selling, leasing or giving
to China a small fleet of ships
of the destroyer escort class or
smaller which would become a
nucleus for a Chinese Navy.
The House also sent to the
Senate a bill authorizing the Navy
to use approximately 400 warships
this spring in the atomic bomb
test in the Marshall Islands.
There were some objections on the
grounds the bill should be held
up until permanent peace was
secured. The atomic bomb test
fleet includes four battleships
originally worth an estimated
\$400,000,000.—Associated Press.

British Major Killed

Singapore, March 13.
The bodies of a British Major
and two Indian soldiers were re-
ported missing on Monday were found
in an Indonesian hospital in a
village 20 miles southeast of Me-
dan, Sumatra, the Southeast Asia
Command Headquarters announce-
d yesterday. One Indian sol-
dier was reported still missing.
Two wounded Indian soldiers were
found at the hospital.
Troops of the 20th Indian Divi-
sion continued to search an area
known to be a terrorist strong-
hold in Sumatra.
British artillery was used for
the first time in Sumatra when
British troops encountered heavy
machine-gun fire from
an Indonesian force of about
400 on Monday.—Associated
Press.

Chinese in Haiphong

Haiphong, March 13.
Major-General Kwong Lee-
wang, Chinese commander here,
told newsmen to-day he had no
instructions from his Government
to evacuate his troops from the
Haiphong area despite reports of
the Sino-French agreement where-
by the French are to partition
northern Indo-China. He said he
was making no preparations for
leaving.

The agreement between the
French and the Chinese on Feb.
28 set March 31 as the deadline
for the transfer of command.

A Chinese Central News Agency
dispatch from Hanoi said the first
batch of Chinese troops and offi-
cials would leave there for China
to-day. It said that inadequate
preparations had so far prevent-
ed the formal handing over of
garrison duties to the French.—
Associated Press.

"MISSOURI'S" MISSION

Washington, March 13.
The battleship "Missouri" is
scheduled to leave New York on
March 21 carrying the body of
former Turkish Ambassador Moh-
met Ertegun and is due in Is-
taambul on April 6, the Navy an-
nounced yesterday.
The Navy said that the "Mis-
souri" would not participate in
the British fleet manoeuvres sche-

Arabs Present Case On Palestine

JERUSALEM, MAR. 13.
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ARAB
STATE WHERE A CONSTITUTION WOULD
GUARANTEE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS TO ALL
CITIZENS, IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE
PALESTINE PROBLEM, JAMAL HUSSEINI, CHAIR-
MAN OF THE LARGEST ARAB POLITICAL PARTY
IN PALESTINE, TOLD THE JOINT ANGLO-
AMERICAN COMMISSION YESTERDAY.
HE TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT THE GRAND
MUFTI, WHO OPPOSED THE BRITISH DURING
THE WAR, IS THE ARAB "FIRST LEADER, AND
FOR WHOM THEY CAN ACCEPT NO SUB-
STITUTE."

Unless "some just solution" of
the Palestine problem be found
the only thing left to do is for
British troops and police to be
withdrawn allowing Arabs and Jews
to "settle the matter" themselves.

Hussein said that if that was
done many "hundreds" would
realise they had lost all hope of
attaining a Jewish State, and
many of them would leave Pale-
stine "of their own free will."
He said Jews then remaining in
Palestine would settle down to a
peaceful life.

He claimed the Mufti was
"chased into Germany by the
British and did what he could
do to protect the interests of his
own people."

Hussein said the "Germans
were not our enemy" and de-
clared that the Arabs maintain-
ed a neutral attitude because
"we had no interest in the war."

CLAIMS DISCOUNTED

When a commission member
mentioned that the Mufti had
negotiated in Berlin with the
Germans, Hussein replied, "We
have done the same thing you
have done in treating with
totalitarian Russia. The Arabs
have not worked for victory of
the Germans, we were only seek-
ing to get something out of
them."

He discounted Jewish claims
that the Jews had raised the
Arab standard of living in
Palestine, asserting the argu-
ment is demonstrably false, for
when account is taken of all
changes brought into the econo-

DYNAMIC FORCE IN EAST

Philadelphia, March 13.
Robert McLean, President of
the Associated Press and publisher
of the Philadelphia "Evening Bul-
letin," yesterday declared that a
dynamic new force—a surging
tide of renewed admiration for
the strength that flows from de-
mocracy—is at work in the Far
East.

"This new force," said McLean,
who just returned from a 20,000-
mile tour of the Orient, is help-
ing to bring about miracles in
political progress. He said that
particularly in China, a re-awak-
ened admiration for democracy
has become the vital factor in
Far East affairs.

General Marshall and other
American military leaders have
helped shape the stable founda-
tions for democratic governments
that "should assure a lasting
peace in the Orient."
McLean declared that General
MacArthur is finding himself
something of a Japanese hero.—
Associated Press.

IMMENSE TASK

London, March 13.
The European Central Inland
Transport Organisation is faced
with the immense task of repair-
ing 100,000 war damaged railway
wagons of different origin and
sourced all over Europe, said the
Chairman of the Executive Board,
Paul de Groote of Belgium, at a
press conference in London yester-
day.

Most of the wagons in use
are far from their mother coun-
try and it is therefore very
difficult to keep an eye on them
and examine them regularly for
maintenance purpose and repairs,
he added.—Associated Press.

ded in the Mediterranean.
The escort destroyer "Power" is
scheduled to meet the battleship
at Gibraltar on March 31, the
Navy said.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

North had to make a very close
choice in the bidding of to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
S. K Q J 6
H. 7 6 5 2
D. 10 8 6
C. 10 8

S. 0 7 4 2
H. A K Q 8
D. 10 8 6
C. 7 6

S. 10 8
H. —
D. K Q J 9 4
C. A K Q J 9 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1C 1H Pass Pass
3D Pass 4C Pass
5C Pass Pass

North knew that South's bid of
three diamonds indicated a five-card
suit. And South had to hold six clubs,
since he had bid clubs before showing
the diamonds. So North could show
a preference for either suit and still
be sure of having eight trumps in the
combined hands. But North chose
clubs because he knew that South
would be forced to ruff hearts as often
as he gave the opponents the lead;
and a six-card trump suit would survive
the "punches" better than a five-card
trump suit.

North was quite right, of course,
for South made his contract of five
clubs but could not have made five
diamonds. West led a heart, and South
ruffed and drew three rounds of trumps.
He then led the diamonds, knocking
out East's Ace. A heart return brought
South down to one trump, but that
was enough to allow the setting up of
a spade trick.

Now examine the play at five di-
amonds. The opening lead reduces
South to four trumps. South must
knock out the diamond Ace, and then
another heart lead reduces his trumps
to the same number as East's. It
takes all of South's trumps, therefore,
to clear the suit so that he can cash
the clubs. And then South never
succeeds in setting up a spade, since
East's last two cards are the spade
Ace and a good heart.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's
partner and, non-vulnerable against
vulnerable opponents, you held:

S. 6
H. A J 9 4
D. K Q 8 3
C. Q 10 7 5

The bidding:
Jacoby Maier You Schenken
1S 2C (2)

ANSWER: Double. Your hand
should take about two club tricks, and
about two or three tricks in hearts
and diamonds. If your partner has
fair defensive strength, you should do
well against two clubs, even without
being able to make a game of your
own.

Score 100 per cent for double, 80 per
cent for two diamonds or two hearts,
20 per cent for two no-trump.

QUESTION

To-day you hold the same hand, but
the bidding is:

Jacoby Maier You Schenken
1H 2C (2)

What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow).

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receiving the Report of the
Directors together with State-
ment of Accounts for the year
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ALSO GIVEN that an Extra-
ordinary General Meeting of the
Company will be held at the
same place and on the same day
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wards as the Ordinary General
Meeting shall be concluded,
when the submitted resolutions
will be submitted

- (1) That Article 105 of the
Company's Articles of
Association be altered by
striking out the words
"Secretary" in the
seventh line thereof
- (2) That the foregoing resolu-
tion shall be retrospective
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1945

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS &
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China And Turkestan

Chungking, March 13.
An agreement being negotiated between the Chinese Government and Turkestan dissidents who established the republic of Eastern Turkestan in 1944 was described yesterday by Gen. Chiang Chi-hung, minister of the political department of the National Military Council.
General Chiang said the agreement, which has not yet been approved by the Chinese Government, would provide for election by the people of two vice-governors and enjoyment of the provincial government, which would be drawn from people of the province. —Associated Press.

WAR VISITS EIRE

DUBLIN, MARCH 13.
WAR CAME TO NEUTRAL EIRE FOR THE FIFTH TIME TO-DAY WHEN A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ROCKED DUBLIN, A SEA-SIDE TOWN TEN MILES FROM DUBLIN.

The explosion was caused by a drifting mine. Several houses were wrecked, roofs were stripped of slates, doors wrenched from their hinges, walls collapsed and all shop windows in the main street were shattered.
Several people were slightly injured by flying glass.
Neutral Eire had four air raids during the war, two on Dublin and one on the border of Wexford and Kilkenny. —Reuters.

CENSORSHIP IN EGYPT

Cairo, March 13.
Prime Minister Ismail Sidki Pasha, replying to opposition demands for an end to government censorship, told the Egyptian senate the government's restriction on the press are necessary to suppress calls for revolution. The opposition leader declared the censorship imposed on newspapers after the anti-British riots of February 21 was the worst the country ever had known. —Associated Press.

Rome, March 13.

Returns from 166 communes gave the Christian Democrats Right Wing a slight edge over the Socialist-Communist bloc in the March 10 municipal elections. —Associated Press.

B.A.A.G. MAN CHARGED

WONG WING-TIM, ALIAS THOMAS TIM WONG, OF THE STAFF OF THE BRITISH ARMY AID GROUP, HONG KONG OFFICE, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. HORACE LO YESTERDAY WITH OBTAINING \$9,600 FROM MAJOR R. C. COOPER, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE B.A.A.G. ON OR ABOUT NOV. 29, 1945, BY FALSE PRETENCES.
MR. F. X. D'ALMADA ASSISTED BY DETECTIVE SUB-INSPECTOR WATSON, APPEARED FOR THE CROWN WHILE MR. M. A. DA SILVA APPEARED FOR THE DEFENCE.

The case, it was understood, will be for committal.
It was alleged that on or about Nov. 29, 1945, together with a woman not in custody, accused obtained \$9,600 from Major Cooper, pretending that the woman was named Chan Yin-king.

Major Robert Craig Cooper said that he was attached to the Rajputana Rifles before the Occupation of the Colony. He was officer commanding the British Aid Group last year in the Hong Kong office. Accused was a member of the B.A.A.G. staff. He instructed accused to contact the dependents of certain former employees of the B.A.A.G. The employees had been known to accused, and not to him. He wished to know the ages of their widows, number and ages of their children.

As a result of these instructions accused gained information concerning four cases. The case of Lam Kwok-yue was one.

DEPENDENTS INTERVIEWED
On or about Nov. 29, 1945, accused was at his office on the third floor, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building. He had previously asked accused to bring the dependents concerned in the four cases of which accused had submitted particulars.

Accused reported to him that the dependents concerned had been brought to the office. Witness then interviewed them individually and separately.

In the case of Lam Kwok-yue, the dependent interviewed was a female, the "widow". He made payment of \$9,600 to the woman and she signed a receipt. This woman was brought into his private office from the outer office by his interpreter following his request to have the widow of Lam Kwok-yue.

Some time in February this year, a woman who claimed to be the widow of Lam Kwok-yue came to see him at his office. As a result of this interview, accused was arrested and charged with the offence.

RECEIVED \$2,600

Witness said that he could not say that the woman who came to his office in November last year was the same one that came to see him in February.

Chan Yin-king, residing at No. 552, Nathan Road, third floor, said that her deceased husband was Lam Kwok-yue, who was arrested by the Japanese sometime in 1944 and died after his release from prison sometime in January, 1945.

Accused came to her house sometime in December last year, and asked for the widow of Lam. She was told by accused that she was entitled to receive money from the B.A.A.G. for the work her husband had done. She was supposed to receive \$2,500, but had to have a guarantee. Her father acted as guarantor and received \$2,500 from accused, which her father and herself signed a receipt.

After hearing the evidence, the case was adjourned till March 19, at 2.30 p.m.

ENSA SHOWS

An All-Star Variety Show, "Chinese Crackers," is to be the next attraction at the ENSA Star Theatre. The show features its own band, the Chinese Syncopators, led by Jimmy Pickard, and is one of the most widely-travelled of all ENSA companies.

Another variety show, "To Your Likings," is likely to follow "Chinese Crackers." One of its features is the famous Dumare and Donzar skeleton act.

Another probable ENSA attraction for Hong Kong in the near future is the Festival Company from London, starring Roger L. Vesey and Ursula Jeans, who may do George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man."

Other possibilities among coming attractions are the Anglo-Polish Ballet and the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Much, however, will depend on transport arrangements.

ENSA will also be sending a show to the British Occupation Forces at Kure in Japan. This will be "Stoo, Look and Listen," starring Anna Rogers of B.B.C. fame.

ARMS ON FERRY

For unlawful possession of three rounds of rifle ammunition at the Cheung Chau wharf, Yin Kwok was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector Fong told the Court that at about 9.45 a.m. on March 10, accused was going on board the Cheung Chau ferry when he was searched by a constable and the ammunition found in his underwear pocket.

HONG KONG CRICKET

In their return cricket game between Royal Air Force and Army at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, Air Force won by 100 runs, thanks to the good bowling of Ward and Kenyon who took five wickets each.

Gilling and Bailey opened the batting for R.A.F. and 25 runs were scored in the first 35 minutes. Scoring was slow and Withcombe and Pardon, bowling for the Army, kept the runs down. With a chance of bowling the score quickly mounted. Gilling and Bailey hitting out freely without giving any chances.

Bailey had to retire in the early part of the game owing to an injury. Just before lunch the batsmen became somewhat wild and Gilling was bowled by Withcombe. Immediately after, Eve played on a ball from Stewart. These two batsmen had scored 50 and 65 respectively.

At lunch time the score was 130 for 2 wickets.

WARD'S 50
Ward followed after lunch and scored 50 not out. He was dropped at 34. Johns made a quick 18 but was well caught by Crombie off a ball by Whitcombe. Gilling and Bailey were declared at 2.45 p.m. with the score 209 for 4 wickets.

Army opened with Crombie and Furion, who appeared to have settled down fairly comfortably when the former was caught and bowled by Ward. Furion who was top scorer with 19 was the only batsman to stay any length of time.

The Army were all out for 40 at 4.15 p.m.
Ward took 5 wickets for 25 runs and Kenyon 5 wickets for 24 runs.

LOCAL BASKETBALL

The U.S.S. Vestal beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. by 64 points to 14 in a basketball game played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, yesterday evening. The first half was closely contested, the Americans leading at the half-way stage by 24 points to 20.

The victory for U.S.S. Vestal avenged an earlier defeat. A third game between the two teams will be played on Sunday evening.

TENANT EVICTED BY SUB-TENANT

A PRE-WAR PRINCIPAL TENANT WHO RETURNED TO THE COLONY AND FOUND HIMSELF EVICTED ON APPLICATION BY HIS FORMER SUB-TENANT APPEARED BEFORE MR. LEO D'ALMADA IN THE COURT OF APPEAL YESTERDAY, SEEKING A REVERSAL OF THE DECISION BY THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL WHICH ORDERED HIS EVICTION.

The action of appeal was filed by Cheng Sang against the decision of the Tenancy Tribunal in granting an order for eviction to Tam Cheung in respect of the premises at No. 141, Main Street, ground floor.

The appellant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby while Mr. H. L. Kwan was for the respondent.

Mr. Loseby said that the appeal was against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal of which Mr. M. W. Lo was chairman. The premises concerned were occupied by appellant until May last year. Prior to this, part of the shop was let to respondent to carry on business.

In May last the appellant brought his family to the country because of conditions in the Colony. It was arranged with the respondent to continue his sub-tenancy and to pay rent to appellant's brother who was to pay the appropriate taxes to the Japanese. In November appellant came back and occupied a cubicle.

Meanwhile, said Mr. Loseby, respondent, sometime in September, came to an agreement with the landlord and took over the tenancy at a monthly rental of \$80, as against a pre-war rental of \$63. This, Mr. Loseby pointed out, was a breach of the proclamation.

CONTINUED TAXES

Mr. Loseby said that the Tribunal, by ruling that appellant had left for the country and had no right to reclaim possession, was wrong in law. He argued that appellant's tenancy was sub-

"MIDAS" TO BE SCRATCHED

London, Mar. 13.
The Lincolnshire favourite Midas, who went lame after a canter on Monday, will be scratched from the Lincolnshire Handicap, according to his trainer.

Call-over prices were: 12 to 1 Langton Abbott taken and offered, 100 to 7 Prawncurry offered, 10 to 1 Treasury offered, 22 to 1 Poolix offered, 25 to 1 Efferance offered, 28 to 1 Handover taken and offered, 28 to 1 Rustle offered, 30 to 1 taken, 30 to 1 Giraud offered, 33 to 1 Anglosky taken and offered, 33 to 1 Timonov and Erics fully offered, 40 to 1 Cape Race taken and offered, 40 to 1 Frosty Moon, Loretto, Belinda and Breckinton offered, 50 to 1 Battle Hymn, Tony, Vicinity, Thelma and Castle Blarney offered, 66 to 1 Colarona, Dijon offered.

Call-over on the Grand National to be run on April 5: 8 to 1 Prince Regent taken and offered, 100 to 6 Chaka offered, 18 to 1 taken, 100 to 6 Limestone Reward offered, 20 to 1 taken, 18 to 1 Poolix offered, 20 to 1 taken, 20 to 1 Medrow and Kardal offered, 25 to 1 Kaml taken and offered, 30 to 1 Schubert offered, 33 to 1 taken and wanted, 33 to 1 Symble and Norman Hackle offered, 40 to 1 taken, 22 to 1 Jock, Knight's Crest, Post Prince and Lovely Cottage offered, 40 to 1 MacMoffatt offered, 45 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Paragon offered, 50 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Jokers and E.P. offered, 45 to 1 Suzerain offered, after 40 to 1 taken, 50 to 1 Edgmar, Callaly, Newarkhill and Bontol offered. The next call-over on both races will be Friday next.

The news that Midas might not run in the Lincolnshire Handicap revolutionised the betting at the call-over last night. There was insistent demand for Langton Abbott who was installed favourite. He was backed to win \$25,000. Prawncurry who was heavily backed during the week-end shortened from 25 to 1 to 100 to 7 as a second favourite. There was a general shortening of those horses high in the list. Treasury shortened six points since last Monday.

Sensational bets of the day were recorded for Giraud. Backed to take \$43,000 out of the books, his price tumbled from 60 to 1 to 30 to 1. Although Cape Race was supported to win \$8,000 his absence from exercise to-day reflected in the betting.

There was little change in the Grand National. Prince Regent remained steady. The French candidate Symbolist for good support being backed to win \$20,000. Others well-supported were Schubert MacMoffatt, Paragon and the Frenchman Kaml.—Reuters.

London, March 13.

Reports compiled in Rome state that 22,000,000 people died during the war, the Vatican Radio said to-day.—Reuters.

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